



ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 99% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

Governor's Bill, H.B. 7152 "An Act Accelerating the Deployment of 5G Wireless Facilities."

CCM appreciates the Governor's interests in keeping the state competitive in an increasingly digital economy.

H.B. 7152 seeks to address concerns brought by the wireless community regarding difficulties siting personal wireless facilities and small wireless facilities, as defined by the bill, on state and municipal property. The bill would seek to establish a Council on 5G Technology which is comprised of staff from the Governor's office, the Secretary of Office of Policy and Management (OPM), the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Commissioner of Transportation, and the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such Council will oversee the siting of such facilities on state owned property. CCM supports Sections 1(f) and 1(g) that preserve current siting policies and procedures currently in practice within the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).

Section 2 of H.B. 7152 provides that the OPM, PURA and CSC, with required input by municipalities, establish a process for siting small wireless facilities on municipal property. CCM appreciates that this section provides municipalities with a seat at the table when discussions around siting such facilities on municipal property is discussed.



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